

Claim 17 as amended now recites integrating a network component layer of the computing system with the software component architecture to provide a cooperating component computing arrangement, wherein the network component layer includes application programming interfaces that are adapted to construct network navigation components to represent different network resources available on the computer network. Applicants respectfully submit that Potel does not teach or suggest this feature. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. As to the remaining claims, these claims are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency on claim 17.

2. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Potel in view of Anderson, U.S. Patent No. 5,537,526 (hereinafter "Anderson"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.


For reasons as discussed above, Potel does not teach or suggest claim 17 as amended. Anderson does not cure this deficiency. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-3080.

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